

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1190  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Franklin Special School District for 100 years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding municipal corporations whose purposes are to provide services for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Special School District is one such estimable entity which strives to provide quality public education for children in kindergarten through the eighth grades who live in the vicinity of Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the entire Franklin Special School District (FSSD) is serviced by one intermediate school, Freedom Intermediate School, grades 5-6; and one middle school, Freedom Middle School, grades 7-8; and

WHEREAS, the greater FSSD is divided into four sub-districts, each of which is serviced by an elementary school, grades K-4; the four sub-districts are Franklin, Johnson, Liberty, and Moore Elementary Districts; and

WHEREAS, in 1885, the 54<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Tennessee enacted Chapter 19, which authorized municipal corporations to establish and maintain "common schools of high grade;" with this statute as a legislative foundation, the Town of Franklin first established its own school system by Ordinance No. 28, on October 27, 1906; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance established a city school system, a local tax rate to fund the system, and a local Board of Education and determined that the town's Board of Education was to work in conjunction with the directors of School District Number Nine in Williamson County; it was officially adopted in April of 1907; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1907, Ordinance 28 was amended to allow Franklin to assume responsibility for its own schools from School District Number Nine, and, in effect, paved the

way for the creation of a city school system autonomous from the Williamson County system; and

WHEREAS, between 1940 and 1980, Franklin maintained a growth rate of approximately thirty-two percent per decade. When the development of Middle Tennessee and, consequently, the Franklin vicinity began to explode, Franklin's population increased by sixty-two percent, causing the FSSD to expand considerably; as it became apparent that this type of growth would continue for some time, legislation was signed in 1987 which froze the existing boundaries of the FSSD; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the current FSSD will most likely remain intact for many years to come, as educational quality for its citizens continues to be its foremost priority; and

WHEREAS, the FSSD truly epitomizes a model entity which is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and it should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the Franklin Special School District for its meritorious service in educating the citizens of Franklin for the past century.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.